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SUBJ AMENDMENT OF VISA AGREEMENT

RE: MEXICO A-298 AND PREVIOUS

1. REGULATORY ORDER AMENDING 22 CFR 41.6(C) TO ACCORD WITH
DELETION OF ARTICLE I OF VISA AGREEMENT BEING PROCESSED
AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FOLLOW-
ING PRESS STATEMENT -- "THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, HAVE
TERMINATED THE PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT ON DOCUMENTATION
FOR NONIMMIGRANTS TRAVELLING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
MEXICO UNDER WHICH THE NONIMMIGRANT VISA REQUIREMENT WAS
WAIVED FOR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL, STATE
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. THE
TERMINATION OF THIS PROVISION WAS EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 1974.
HENCEFORTH, CITIZENS OF EITHER COUNTRY FORMERLY ENTITLED
TO A WAIVER OF THE NONIMMIGRANT DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS
ON THIS BASIS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF
APPROPRIATE NONIMMIGRANT DOCUMENTATION WHEN SEEKING TO
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ENTER THE OTHER COUNTRY FOR TEMPORARY PURPOSES.

THIS MODIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON DOCUMENTATION FOR
NONIMMIGRANTS TRAVELLING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES

AND MEXICO DOES NOT AFFECT THE WAIVER OF NONIMMIGRANT
DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED FOR PERSONNEL EMPLOYED
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION OR
MAINTENANCE OF WORKS IN EITHER COUNTRY UNDERTAKEN IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE TREATY OF FEBRUARY 3, 1944, BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO REGARDING THE FUNCTIONS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION. SUCH
PERSONNEL REMAIN ENTITLED TO A WAIVER OF THE NONIMMIGRANT
DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
THE TREATY WHEN THEY ARE SEEKING TO ENTER THE OTHER
COUNTRY TEMPORARILY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH EMPLOYMENT."

3. INS WILL USE PRESS STATEMENT TO DISSEMINATE INFORMA-
TION ALONG SOUTHWEST BORDER.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT VISA WAIVER FOR IBWC PER-
SONNEL CONTAINED IN 22 CFR 41.5(F). INS INTENDS TO
INCORPORATE LANGUAGE THEREOF INTO ITS REGULATIONS. THIS
ACTION PLUS WIDE DISSEMINATION OF PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD
MINIMIZE, IF NOT ENTIRELY ELIMINATE OCCASIONAL PROBLEMS
ENCOUNTERED BY MEXICAN IBWC PERSONNEL SEEKING TO ENTER
U. S. PURSUANT TO TERMS OF WAIVER. SISCO

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